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FM AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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INFO AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

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AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 2889

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MAY 29 MEETING OF CA PRESIDENTS

REF: GUATEMALA 2867

1. DURING CONVERSATION AT GERMAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION FONMIN ARENALES TOLD EMBOFF THAT GOG WAS MOST UNHAPPY WITH SCHEDULED MEETING OF CA PRESIDENTS IN NICARAGUA ON MAY 29. ARENALES SAID HE BELIEVED MEETING TO BE VERY PREMATURE, THAT NONE OF THE COUNTRIES HAD DONE ANY HOMEWORK TO PREPARE FOR MEETING, AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO POSITIVE RESULTS FROM MEETING. HE ADDED THAT OUTCOME OF MEETING, IN HIS OPINION, WOULD BE NEGATIVE, IN THAT WHEN PARTICIPANTS WERE QUESTIONED THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO POINT TO ANY CONCRETE ACHIEVEMENTS. HE FELT THAT MUCH MORE BEHIND THE SCENES WORK WAS NECESSARY SO THAT AT LEAST PARTIAL AGREEMENT ON OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS HAD BEEN RESOLVED BEFORE PRESIDENTS PUT THEIR PRESTIGE ON THE LINE BY TRYING TO STIMULATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR IN PUBLICIZED MEETING.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, ARENALES SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD MADE HIS VIEWS KNOWN TO HIS CA COLLEAGUES, GOG
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WAS NOT MAKING SERIOUS EFFORT TO CANCEL OR POSTPONE MEETING

OF PRESIDENTS, (ALTHOUGH HE SAID MAY 29 DATE WAS BY NO
MEANS CERTAIN AT THIS POINT), SINCE SOMOZA SEEMED DETERMINED
TO HOST CONFERENCE OF PRESIDENTS AS PLANNED.
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